

A multi-function system starts a WWW server by use of a WWW server section. When Java acceptable browser gains access to the WWW server, the WWW server section transfers an applet class file to Java acceptable browser. An applet is executed on the Java acceptable browser. The applet establishes a communication line between a TCP/IP processing section of a reception notify processing section and the applet, and a reception notify transmitting section notifies the applet of reception notification. The applet displays reception notification on PC. This makes it possible to notify an outer terminal of data reception in substantially real time.